

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY MINISTER.

To the Honourable
JOHN COSTIGAN,
Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

SIR,—I have the honour to report on the transactions of the Marine Branch of this department for the fiscal year ended 30th June last, and to give an account of a portion of the business up to date.

In the appendices to this report will be found reports from the Chairman of the Board of Steamboat Inspection; Chairman of Board of Examiners of Masters and Mates, the reports from the Chief Engineer, the Inspectors of live stock shipments, the Director of the Meteorological and Magnetic service, the Inspector of Signal service, and reports on the life-boat stations, messenger pigeon service, rewards for humane service, together with statements of revenue, expenditure, sick mariners' dues, wharfage and wrecks and casualties.

The total amount expended on the various branches of the public service comprised in this department during the fiscal year ended 30th June, last was \$824,488.46. The salaries of the established staff, including Marine and Fisheries, amounted to \$54,992.50.

The total amount voted by Parliament was \$901,285.00, not including the departmental salaries. It will thus be seen that during the fiscal year the expenditure was \$76,796.54 less than the amount voted by Parliament.

The whole number of persons in the outside service of the Marine Branch at the date of the report is 1,679.

During the past fiscal year the expenditure for maintenance of lighthouse and coast service amounted to \$463,683.93, and for construction of lights \$12,219.29; total for maintenance and construction, \$475,903.22, while for the previous year the expenditure for lighthouse and coast service, including construction, was \$476,225.85, showing a decrease of expenditure for the year ending 30th June last, of \$322.63. The appropriation for this service was \$525,720.00, the expenditure being \$49,816.78 less than the appropriation of Parliament for the fiscal year.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE.

The lighthouse service of the Dominion is divided as follows:—The Ontario division, embracing all lights from Montreal westward to the North-west Territories; the Quebec division, extending below Montreal and including the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence and Strait of Belle Isle; the Nova Scotia division, including St. Paul's Island, Cape Breton, Sable Island and Cape Race, Newfoundland; the New Brunswick division, the Prince Edward Island division, and the British Columbia division, each including lights within the provincial boundaries. The total number of light stations, light-ships and fog-alarm stations in the Dominion on the 30th of June, 1895, was 632, and of lights shown, 768, the number of steam-whistles and